

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 01-12-11**

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For Work Week Commencing: December 10, 2001

Business Meeting: December 11, 2001, 9:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.state.mt.us>.

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**Work Sessions** All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dave).

1. D97.7.90 & D2001.10.144 – MPC – Act on Commercial Energy's request for late intervention into these dockets. 12/11/01
2. D2001.10.144 – MPC – To act on MPC objection to intervention of Comanche Park. 12/11/01
3. D2001.10.141 & D2001.10.142 – Front Range Pipeline – Deletion of Laird Creek Field Shipping Point and tariff increase to coincide with FERC index. 12/11/01
4. N2001.11.154 – PanCanadian Energy Services – Application for Gas Supplier License. 12/11/01

5. D2000.5.70 – Qwest 271 – Discuss findings to be issued as the Final Report on Checklist Items 5 – Access to Unbundled Local Transport: and 6 – Access to Unbundled Switching. 12/11/01
6. D2001.7.98 – Clark Fork Telecommunications – Access Tariff – Discussion, direction and action on procedure. 12/11/01

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 8:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Qwest Communications Inc. Docket No. N2001.11.151 (Scott)

On November 16, 2001 Qwest Communication filed tariff transmittal 01-36 introduction of Qwest Business Line Plus and Qwest Utility Line. Qwest Business Line is a package of features available to business customers in conjunction with an individual or additional flat rate access line. Business customers subscribing to the package are entitled to the following standard features: Call Forwarding- Variable and Call Transfer/Three-way calling. Customers can subscribe to the service on a month-to month basis, or may receive additional savings by subscribing for either 1 year or 2 years. Qwest Utility Line is an additional flat rate access line that allows business customers the ability to expand access and capacity to their business. Qwest Utility line does not include features or a listing and must be purchased in conjunction with a Qwest Business Line Plus.

2. Qwest Communications Inc. Docket No. N2001.11.152 (Scott)

On November 20, 2001 Qwest Communication filed tariff Transmittal 01-37 Residence Product Save Offer Promotion. Residence customers who request to have one or more products disconnected, and after having been informed of the product benefits, may be offered a one time product discount in the form of a credit(s) to their bill. The company conditions its offer that the customer must agree to retain the product(s) for an additional minimum period of six months or they will be billed for the credits given. The products included in the promotion include; CustomChoice, Additional Lines with one or more product features, Caller ID and Call Waiting. In addition non-regulated products, Voice Messaging and Qwest.net will also participate in the promotion. This promotional period is scheduled to run from December 20, 2001, through March 19, 2002.

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1. CenturyTel Docket N2001.11.157 (Lori)

November 29, 2001 CenturyTel filed Tariff Advise No. 2001-8. The purpose of this filing is to revise the Lifeline section to remove the listing of the actual amount of the Subscriber Line Charge (SLC); language will remain to indicate that the SLC is waived for Tier 1 Federal Lifeline support. CenturyTel proposes this change so that the tariff will not have to be revised in the future when the SLC charge is revised per the FCC order on the Multi-Association Group (MAG) plan, FCC 01-304.

2. Clark Fork Telecommunication Inc. Docket No. N2001.12.160 (Scott)

On December 3, 2001, Clark Fork filed Lifeline Tier 1 compliance filing removal of the Subscriber Line Charge (SLC). In this filing, Clark Fork proposes to revise the tariff to reflect 1) the changes to Tier 1 Lifeline support and 2) removal of the Federal SLC from the tariff. Pursuant to FCC Order 01-304, the FCC dictated certain access charge reform measures for rate-of-return regulated companies. Among the reform measures adopted by the FCC was an increase to the single-line SLC. The SLC is an Interstate end user access charge regulated by the FCC and, as such, is tariffed in the interstate tariff.

**Information Items:** All items identified below are for information only.

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 01-12-11**

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

N2001.11.157	CenturyTel - Tariff Advice No. 2001-8; Type (13) Tariff - Rates & Conditions (Low Income Assistance Program (Lifeline))
D2001.12.158	Mountain Water Company - Application to Establish Uniform Tariffs and Rate Structures for Water Service in its Service Area
N2001.12.159	Montana-Dakota Utilities - Low Income Discount
N2001.12.160	Lifeline Tier 1 Compliance Filing and Removal of Subscriber Line Charge